

## GIRLS' HELP ASKED TO PREPARE TAGS

Thirty Young Women Busy  
Today Fixing Cardboards  
for June 13.

MANY WILLING HANDS  
AIDING PLAYGROUNDS

Committee to Meet at Chamber of  
Commerce Rooms Tomorrow  
to Tag Houses.

**FEMALE HELP WANTED.**  
A large number of bright young women to help string tags on "Tag Day," June 13. Hours, as long as you want to work. Wages, nothing for hour. Apply after 4 p. m. to A. C. Moses, 1106 F street.

This ad will not appear in the advertising columns of any Washington paper, but it expresses merely the opportunity offered by Mrs. Moses to young women to help in the work of making Tag Day move off smoothly and profitably for the Playgrounds Association.

**Get Tags Ready.**  
This morning Mr. Moses had a force of thirty young women engaged in stringing tags and tying them to tags, but there is still much work to be done, and it should be accomplished without cost.

He also has a job for those whom he cannot use in tying tags. The committee wants several scores of maidens to be at the entrances of the Government offices next Saturday morning to dispose of tags. Applications for these places can also be made to Mr. Moses.

Every woman in town is invited to attend the meeting to be held at the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. There will be work for all, and the women in charge want as many to help as possible. This meeting has been called by Mrs. L. H. Mattingly, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe and Mrs. Henry S. Curtis, to make arrangements for tagging residences.

**Enlist Children's Aid.**

All the arrangements for the day are rapidly being completed. One committee meeting was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Franklin School and two have been called for tomorrow.

The school committee has a great deal of work on hand, for not only are many school children expected to volunteer their services in helping to sell tags, but enough high school cadets to make it possible to man each street car in the city are also needed.

The chairman of all the committees have been called together for tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock to round up the work of their several committees and make reports.

**Contributions Received.**

The following contributions to the Washington Playground Association have been received:

Judge William H. DeLacy	\$10.00
Miss Temple	1.00
A. S. Worthington	20.00
H. L. Turner	5.00
A. Van Orsdel	5.00
Irwin G. Priest	1.00
W. P. Mayfield	5.00
Allen D. Albert, Jr.	5.00
Anonymous	1.00
E. A. Fitch	5.00
Miss Mary S. Nixon	2.00
William H. Baldwin	5.00
A. Friend	3.00
C. F. Fidelity	10.00
F. C. Stevens	1.00
Dr. Alice Burdett	2.00
Miss Malina A. Gilkey	2.00
J. N. Whittey	2.00
Dr. Henry A. Polkinton	5.00
Orinda E. Yerkes	10.00
James B. Lambie	5.00
H. K. Williams	5.00
R. Kingsman	1.00
Mrs. Malcomb Cameron	5.00
Miss Helen H. Taff	5.00
Mrs. G. W. Logan	5.00
Rev. John F. Fenlon	2.00
Miss M. E. Wood	5.00

**CITY IS HELPLESS  
IN PLAGUE'S GRIP**

La. Guayra, Fearing It Will Be  
Wiped Out by Disease, Appeals for Aid.

**WILLEMSTADT, June 8.**—With new cases of bubonic plague being reported daily, the port closed, business at a standstill, and the means of combating the spread of the disease wholly inadequate, La. Guayra today is facing the most serious situation in her history.

Unless the wealthy men of the town make a heroic sacrifice in further contributions to the plague fund, or the government makes an appropriation, the town doubtless will be ravaged by the disease. New cases of the plague are appearing at Caracas, and it is thought that this phase of the situation may lead the government to come to the rescue of La Guayra.

A appeal has been made to the various steamship lines trading with Venezuelan ports to help in the desperate situation.

**NAMES TRUSTEES  
TO SELL STOCK**

Chief Justice Clabaugh today signed a decree in the case of Bernard Waters against John L. Prossie and others appointing Wilton J. Lambert and Edward H. Thomas, trustees, to sell 144 shares of stock of the E. Morrison Paper Company, provided that the same is not redeemed by Mr. Prossie within twenty days from the date of the decree.

Some time ago Mr. Waters filed suit against Mr. Prossie through his attorneys, Lambert and Ventman, setting up a personal note of Mr. Prossie for \$350 held by him, which was overdue and which was secured by the stock directed to be sold.

**SILER MAY RECOVER.**

CHICAGO, June 8.—Physicians attending George Siler, veteran prize fight referee and sporting writer, today report considerable improvement in the patient's condition. He slept well during the night and hope now is held out for his recovery.

## Shrieks of Maniac Suicide Still Haunt His Ill Wife

(Continued from First Page.)

"He fired three times. Then springing back, threw open the weapon and reloaded. I noticed almost without knowing what I did that his hand was steady. He stared at me a moment as though he hardly recognized me and then in a queer unsteady voice murmured:

"They're all trying to kill me. They all want to murder me. But I won't let them—for a while anyhow."

"There was a tremendous crash down stairs, and my husband rushed to the back door.

**Hopelessly Mad.**  
"I realized at last that nothing I could say or do could bring about a return to reason. That he was hopelessly mad and that his own exhaustion or death would stop him."

"I went to the window and turning once before Mrs. Fessenden helped me in, saw him leaning over the banisters and firing down stairs.

"That was the last I saw of him." The maddest thing Pospisiel did was to go like a madman to the gun, and after firing at the man in a friendly manner, cried out:

"You're a liar! You're in with my enemies! You're a traitor!"

Gouldman escaped the rain of bullets that followed by dodging behind a tree, and then running down the street.

**Sign of Odd Fellows.**

Pospisiel gave a similar reception to W. G. Lang, of 528 Seventh street, who is an Odd Fellow, as Pospisiel was, Lang gave him the secret sign of the Odd Fellows, but it had no effect on the madman.

It was soon after this that Pospisiel, sitting on the window ledge, dangled his legs on the outside, and laughing in the shrill note of mania, drew from his pocket a hypodermic syringe that he supposed to have contained morphine. He gave himself an injection in the left arm. Then, leaning forward a little and calling out that the temple was a good target, he shot himself and fell to the ground.

Pospisiel was a graduate of a dental and a medical university, and was employed in the Pension Office as a medical examiner.

**Fared His Friends.**

Pospisiel's madness began Thursday. It was then that his brain failed. It was then that his outlook upon life became so perfunctory, so unnatural that he entertained for his closest friends suspicions and fears. It was then that his brain, instead of being a rational thing, was an ugly workshop from which there came the delusions that ended in the tragedy of Sunday.

Suddenly his life that had run on for more than forty years in tranquillity and happiness, transformed into a desperate struggle against enemies which did not exist, dangers which were unreal. He was at once the creature of mad thoughts and the agent of irresponsible motives and desires.

**Real Pospisiel Dead.**

To all intents and purposes, the real Pospisiel was dead last Thursday. The other Pospisiel, the mad, raving, trembling, deluded Pospisiel, died yesterday.

Early Thursday afternoon he returned to his home, leaving his work at the Pension Office unfinished. Governed by awful fear he took his wife upstairs and there told her a story of the plot against his life. While his eye furtively sought the door and the windows as if he expected his enemies to appear at any moment, and while his voice trembled, he told her his fellow-Maccabees had plotted to murder him. They would kill him, he said, and in case of their failure to accomplish the deed, they had commissioned the police to carry out their plan.

All that afternoon and nearly all that night, for he slept but little, he repeated to his wife the story of the plot against him. He said nothing of resisting the attacks but seemed to be governed only by great fear and the certainty that he was a doomed man.

**Family at His Mercy.**

His wife and children were imprisoned with him and absolutely at his mercy. He heard the children's voices.

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blind habit, he went again to his work at the Pension Office. There the madness that dominated him gave him no respite. He was unable to stay in his seat. His restlessness, his furtive eye, his trembling hands, all these things were commented upon by his fellow-workers. In less than three hours, he sprang up as if urged by irresistible powers and rushed from the building to his home.

Friday afternoon and night his wife was constantly at his side, hearing his story of the plot—a plot his disordered brain had furnished forth out of nothing. She soothed him as best she could, telling him he would not be killed, stroking his forehead and ministering to his every want. But he could not sleep. Instead, he raved and, at times, was violent, declaring that he must do something to defend himself against the murderers who were closing in upon him.

Saturday he went again to his office, although by this time he was visibly ill. Before noon, Mrs. Pospisiel saw him standing in the dining room, his hair disheveled, his face working, while he muttered again and again:

"They'll murder me before midnight."

**Wife Hears of Tortures.**

Then followed hours of torture for the wife while she tried to dispel the mirage of hideous fancies that made the husband's life a ceaseless fear. He told her of the phantoms, the horrors that pursued him. He raved and cried out for mercy. He shuddered in her arms and buried his face in her bosom. All the afternoon he spoke continually of the fact that at midnight he would be murdered.

Night came and with it greater terror. Shapes, grotesque and awful filled his brain. Pictures of blood and murder were continually before him. At times he shouted, at times he whispered, but always the theme of his words was the certainty that he would be killed.

**Children Pray for Him.**

Late in the night he made his children get up and pray for him. "Pray that I may not be murdered," he told them, and they, terrified by the urgent pleading in his voice, prayed long.

While they prayed, he went to his bureau drawer and took from it his revolver and his cartridges. At that moment his madness had taken another turn. As his children offered up pleas for his safety, he made up his mind to deal death and destruction to any one who might attempt to approach him.

Nervously fingering the revolver, he asked his wife to pray that he might not be murdered. She fell on her knees, and her petitions joined those of her children, while the maniac handled the revolver and waited for the prayers to end.

**Wife Realizes He's Insane.**

When they were finished and the children, vaguely conscious of impending tragedy, had crept back to their beds, he still handled the pistol as if he considered it his one hope of safety. He stood in the middle of the room, facing his wife, who had just risen from her knees. This was the first time that she recognized how hopelessly insane, how dangerously wild, he was.

"I shall kill the first person who enters this house," he said, and for the first time the care-free, devilish smile of the lunatic was on his lips.

Then, again, in a second, his mood changed, and the face that had held him in bondage since Thursday reassured himself. And suddenly he was once more the timid, cringing, trustful madman.

"I must save myself before it's too late," he said.

Still holding his revolver in his left hand, he dragged the mattress from the bed and used it to barricade the steps so that no one might approach the second story, where he was. He used the chairs and tables in all the rooms on the second floor to strengthen the barricade. Once he dropped his revolver, and thought an enemy had knocked it from his hand. Finally, he threw two gas stoves over the barricade and down the steps, effectually blocking all approach at both the foot and the head of the stairs.

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